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Honorable David L. Boren  
Chairman  
Senate Select Intelligence  
Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable William S. Cohen  
Vice Chairman  
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Dear Senators Boren and Cohen:

I have given full consideration to the concerns you raised in a recent hearing regarding information provided to your Committee in connection with certain DEA operations. The operations in question would involve assets acting under DEA supervision who would be requested to cross an international border to enter a state without the knowledge or consent of the authorities of such state, for the purpose of conducting an operation, other than for the collection of information or the conduct of traditional law enforcement activities. Further, it would not be intended that either the DEA or U.S. Government role would be apparent or acknowledged.

I recognize that the unique nature of any such operation gives rise to concerns which your Committee believes are within its jurisdiction. Accordingly, it is my intention, on behalf of the Department of Justice, to ensure that the intelligence committees are advised of any such DEA operation in full compliance with the provisions of Section 501 of the National Security Act of 1947 and Executive Order 12333.

I trust this assurance will satisfy the Committee's concern that it be made aware of DEA operations of this type.

Sincerely,

Francis A. Keating II  
Acting Associate Attorney General